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- 7. The crossings from Baku to Krasnovodsk, by tank car caravans with oil leads, continued for nearly two months (July and August), but were undertaken only in those exceptional cases when the delivery of oil products by sea through Astrakhan was difficult. Not only is this method of transportation illogical, it also causes rapid deterioration in the tank cars.
- 8. The crossing of one oil-laden caravan takes from 24 to 26 hours, and during the two months described here, 12-15 caravans with an ordinary carrying capacity of around 3,000 to 4,500 tons used this route. Later, oil products were shipped by tankers to Krasnovodsk through the Krasnovodsk roadstead and to Gurev by way of the Bautinsk roadstead.
- 9. The same method of transportation was used during September and October, 1941, on Lake Ladoga between Borisov Griva and Lavrova.

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ENCLOSURE (A): Sketch Showing the Launching of a Railroad Tank Car for the Caspian Sea Crossing

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ENCLOSURE (A) SECRET/SECURITY INFORMATION

SKETCH SHOWING THE LAUNCHING OF A RAILROAD TANK CAR FOR THE CASPIAN SEA CROSSING



